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EACH HUNTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING INFORMATION, PROCEDURES, & REGULATIONS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL HUNTING FACT SHEET, & ARE REQUIRED TO READ & COMPREHEND THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT, NOT JUST HUNT NUMBERS, AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUTURE OF HUNTING ON FT HUACHUCA.

SPECIFIC HUNT NUMBERS & TAG INFORMATION BECOME OBSOLETE AS THE TAGS ARE ISSUED. A NEW FACT SHEET WITH CURRENT INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY EACH YEAR.

****2004 CHANGES & HIGHLIGHTS****

- * This document & updates, such as finalized spring hunt information for Ft Huachuca, will be posted on the Internet at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/DIS/hunting.html>
- * Fall hunt numbers are changed from 2003.
- * Application for Ft Huachuca Hunt Permit-tags still **cannot** be done on-line or by telephone, & can be submitted **only** by US mail with the Arizona Game & Fish Dept (AGFD) application form & envelope.
- * Leftover tags for FORT hunts **cannot** be applied for on-line for 1st-Come, 1st-Serve, & can be obtained **only** by US mail to: ATTN ATZS-IS HUNT TAG; US ARMY GARRISON; 3040 BUTLER RD; FORT HUACHUCA AZ 85613-7010.
- * Blaze orange is standardized as required color of the upper garment & hat that ALL OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL USERS of Post training lands must wear during deer & javelina rifle big game seasons. Non-migratory small-game hunters also must wear hunter orange throughout quail season. (See section II.L, bottom of p.4)
- * Legal game for all Archery-only hunting periods is antlered deer only.
- * CHAMP hunters must participate in a hunt orientation with a local hunt-cooperator prior to actually signing out to hunt with their deer Permit-tag. (See section I.D.)
- * Fall bear hunting is later this year, & potentially will be Oct 21-Dec 31, but bear hunting will be closed Nov 5-16 & Dec 17-30, unless a need for population management exists.
- * See p.2 of "Az Hunting Regulations for 2004-2005" for changes in Mearns quail bag limit & requirements to report archery deer harvest & provide a tooth from lion, as well as bear.
- * If you see wildlife wearing collars, bands, ear or wing tags, or radiotransmitters (such as turkey, skunks & turtles), please report details to 533-7083 or 1867.

I. WHO CAN HUNT ON POST?

A. All active & retired military personnel (worldwide), their spouse & legal dependents 10 years old or older. Arizona requires a 30-day residence for military personnel before an Arizona Hunting License may be purchased.

B. Full-time Civil Service and Non-appropriated Fund employees of Ft Huachuca, & their spouse & legal dependents 10 years old or older. Proof of civilian status will require showing a Ft Huachuca Identification Card.

C. A valid Arizona licensed hunter & Ft Huachuca permit holder who is 21 years or older may sponsor 2 guest hunters for a 72 hour period. A sponsor is authorized 4 guest hunts per year. Sponsors are required to sign a statement provided by the Sportsman Center vouching for their guest hunter's competence with hunter safety & firearms used on the hunt, & that each guest is in compliance with Arizona & Ft Huachuca Hunting Regulations. A guest hunter is authorized to hunt only upland game birds, rabbit & coyote. **No one** who is eligible to hunt on Ft Huachuca under paragraph I. A or B of the Ft Huachuca hunting fact sheet is authorized to hunt as a guest.

1. A guest hunter is required to sign a statement of liability provided by the Sportsman Center in order to receive a guest hunter permit.
2. Guest hunter permit fee is \$3.00 per year.
3. Guest hunters must register their firearm(s) through the Military Police Weapons Registration section (533-1840 or 6350), as required by FH Reg 190-14. See section II.E.
4. A guest hunter must remain within visual & voice range of the sponsor at all times during the hunt.
5. A guest hunter may hunt with more than one sponsor, but may not exceed three hunts for the year. All guest hunter requirements apply for each sponsor.

D. Those who qualify for & receive a 2004 AGFD Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP) & are drawn for a Ft Huachuca CHAMP deer tag. No other eligibility is required, but disabled hunters must abide by all CHAMP requirements established by commission rules outlined in the 2004-2005 Arizona Hunting Regulations, & must have a valid Ft Huachuca hunting permit (See II.B.2). Prior to signing out to hunt, CHAMP hunters must obtain a list of local hunt-cooperators from the Post Wildlife Section (520-533-1867 or 7083). They must then arrange & complete an on site orientation with this volunteer on access roads & boundaries for at least 2 Training/ Game Management Areas of their own choosing. This orientation may be done, & notification made to the Wildlife Section, any day from receiving their deer Permit-tag to the first day they come to hunt. This requirement will help hunters new to the fort, & help maintain maximum hunter access to hunting areas.

II. AS A HUNTER, WHAT RULES DO I NEED TO KNOW TO HUNT ON POST?

* All Post hunters are expected to review "Arizona Hunting Regulations for 2004–2005" regarding **jaguar** identification (See <http://www.azgfd.com>). Rifle hunters, especially predator hunters, should be aware that jaguar may be in the area & are fully protected.

A. Possess all licenses, stamps & tags required by AGFD for the game hunted.

B. A Post hunting permit is required of **all** Post hunters.

1. Post hunting permits are sold only at the Post Sportsman Center, 533-7085, open Wednesday through Sunday (i.e. they are **not** available Mondays, Tuesdays or holidays).

2. Proof of completion of a bonafide **hunter education course** is required to obtain a Ft Huachuca hunting permit.

a. Bonafide courses are AGFD Hunter Education Courses, any state sponsored hunter education course (i.e. a card or certificate of completion from the issuing state, **NOT** just a license from a state requiring hunter education), an NRA Hunter Safety Course, or the German Hunting Course. The only exception to this requirement is for a guest hunter.

b. If you have any doubts about your hunter education card, check with the Sportsman Center well before you plan to purchase your Post hunting permit. Each year a few hunters fail to do this & end up not being authorized to use their deer tag (i.e. their Az Hunt Permit-tag for a Ft Huachuca Deer Hunt) at all.

c. You may register for an AGFD Basic Hunter Education Course at the Sportsman Center. This course is offered on Post during August, October, & January if at least 20 participants enroll. It lasts 20-hr spread over 5 evenings (2 wk) & a Saturday morning range day, so plan accordingly.

d. Sale of Arizona hunting & fishing licenses for 2004 at the Sportsman Center may stop about 24 Dec 2004; thus, if you (or someone you know) want to hunt or fish from 24 December to 1 January, be sure to buy a license before 24 December, 2004.

3. The Sportsman Center also has maps of Post Game Management Areas.

C. Abide strictly by all hunting regulations published yearly by the Arizona Game & Fish Department.

D. Be familiar with & abide by all Ft Huachuca hunting regulations (FH Supplement 1 to AR 200-3). Ft Huachuca Game Management Area Maps (sheet 1--Main Post, 2--East Range, & 3--Archery Areas) also contain information hunters must follow.

E. All firearms used on Post must be registered, prior to entry on post, through the Military Police Weapons Registration section (533-1840 or 6350) under FH Reg 190-14.

F. Anyone entering Ft Huachuca will be required to show identification at entrance gates. Vehicle operators must have registration and proof of insurance.

G. Eligible dependents **under 16** years must be accompanied by a properly licensed adult when hunting. Properly licensed means the **accompanying adult** must have an Arizona Hunting License & a Post Hunting Permit.

H. All weapons will be transported in a completely unloaded condition on post.

1. Loaded weapons (rounds in barrel **OR** an attached magazine) are unlawful in a vehicle on post.

2. Hunters using muzzleloading or cap & ball type blackpowder weapons must remove the cap(s) from a percussion weapon, or the powder from the pan of a flintlock. Muzzleloading firearms allowed for hunting by AGFD are authorized on post, e.g. traditional or modern in-line ignitions, shooting sabots, conical, or balls.

3. Bow hunters must transport arrows in a quiver.

4. These restrictions also apply when a hunter walks across a Post safety zone (No Hunting area).

I. Target practice & sighting in are not authorized away from an established shooting range.

1. Any shot fired (except as noted below) in a Game Management Area must be in an attempt to take legal game by a legally licensed & signed-out hunter.

2. A hunter using a muzzleloading type weapon may, at the end of the hunt, discharge the weapon in a safe manner, rather than having to pull the charge or charges.

J. Hunting &/or shooting within a radius of 200 yards with a bow & arrow or 1/4 mile with a rifle, shotgun or pistol near the following locations, people, or situations is prohibited:

1. Any building, tent, maneuver or bivouac area when in use.

2. Any test site (i.e. Scott Peak, Aerostat, Black Tower, etc.).

3. Libby Army Airfield.

4. Garden Canyon & Huachuca Canyon picnic areas.

5. Ammunition Storage Areas.

6. Recreation areas or other places when non-hunting public, including horseback riders, or Post personnel are congregating.

7. Any location or situation in which a prudent person would perceive danger to life or property is not authorized for hunting. No hunting is allowed within 100 yards of any major road or a road likely to have regular traffic.

K. All hunters must sign out each time they go hunting. During firearms hunts for deer & javelina, all hunters must also sign in upon returning from hunting (See sections III & IV for required procedures).

L. Blaze orange clothing is required for certain periods for all outdoor recreation users.

1. ANY RECREATIONAL USER, whether hunting or not, on Post range areas must wear a blaze orange upper garment & hat during any firearms deer or javelina hunt (Nov 5-16 & 17-30 Dec 2004; Feb 11-17, 2005). Wearing clearly visible blaze orange is mandatory for anyone outside the cantonment area (Areas 3 & 6) & not on official business, on Post training lands, off a paved road & outside developed military & recreation sites (e.g. Black Tower, picnic areas). Orange clothing is not required in Archery-only Areas (See III.I, p. 6).

2. Non-migratory small-game (quail, squirrel & cottontail rabbit) hunters & non-hunting members of their group must wear the blaze orange clothing during quail season (Oct 8, 2004-Feb 7, 2005). Bear hunters & group members also must wear the orange during spring & fall firearms bear hunts.

M. ALL deer, lion, bear & javelina harvested on Post must be checked in at the SPORTSMAN CENTER ON THE DAY KILLED. After duty hours, a hunter must weigh an animal on scales located behind the Sportsman Center on Garden Canyon Rd (Bldg 15423). Fill in a self-check harvest information card with phone number, & keep the lower jaw or head for at least 1 duty day in case a biologist requests to examine it. AGFD also requires hunters to report bear, lion & archery deer harvest, & send in a premolar tooth from harvested lion (new this year) & bear; see AGFD regs.

N. Trapping on Post is not authorized for private individuals.

O. There are specific areas for **Archery-only hunting** on post. The map of these areas (Sheet 3) lists special rules hunters must follow when using them.

P. All **waterfowl** hunting must be conducted with steel shot.

Q. Legal shooting times are during daylight hours (except for migratory bird hunts, which run according to federal regulations).

R. Vehicles, including motorcycles & Off Road Vehicles, are **NOT** authorized to travel cross-country. **Firebreaks & dirt roads maintained for vehicle access** may be used for access to Game Management Areas by properly signed out hunters. **CHAMP** hunters may hunt from a vehicle, but the weapon may **not** be loaded while the vehicle is in motion.

S. A hunter may not possess or transport any alcoholic beverage while hunting.

T. Each hunter is responsible for informing someone other than hunt control where they will be hunting & at what time they should be considered late in returning. Each hunter must be sure the informed person knows the license plate number & description of the vehicle used while hunting. This informed person will contact the Military Police Desk (533-2181), & provide this information if the hunter fails to return as scheduled.

U. Military training & firing schedules have priority over all hunts; therefore, some or all, Game Management Areas may be closed to hunting on any given day.

1. Because of training requirements, hunting may be closed with little or no notice.

2. If hunt control personnel advise you that there is a **caution** in your chosen area, be extra alert & careful.

- a. The caution means there either is training or non-hunting recreational activities scheduled to occur in that area.

- b. If upon reaching the assigned area, you feel there are too many other people in the area, or you are hunting in an area that may cause adverse comments, please leave & sign-out for a different area.

- c. CHAMP hunters **may** be allowed to sign-out for an exclusive Game Management Area on a specific day(s), depending upon the number of hunters in the field.

V. Failure to abide by Post & state hunting regulations, laws, rules, or command directives may result in loss of Post & state hunting privileges, as well as fines & imprisonment.

III. HOW DO I SIGN-OUT DURING PERIODS OF GENERAL WEAPONS DEER (i.e. FIREARMS) HUNTS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER?

A. **ALL** hunters must sign-out & sign-in at the Sportsman Center on Garden Canyon Road (Bldg 15423) in person or **using telephone no. 533-7085 only**. (See III.F. & III.G.) For javelina, see IV. A & F.

B. **Other hunters** may sign-out during these big game hunts. However, the first hour of hunter sign-out each day is reserved for Hunt Permit-tag holding hunters. **These other hunters are limited to using shotguns with no. 4 or smaller lead shot, or no. 1 or smaller steel shot.**

C. Hunting area reservations are made on a 1st-Come, 1st-Serve **daily** basis. **No** prior day area sign-out is allowed. Game Mgmt Areas G-M (West Range) may be open for sign-out the first 3 days of the Nov &/or Dec deer hunts only for hunters with a tag that allows mule deer as legal game.

D. Hunter sign-out will begin **before or at** 0500 HRS for November hunts, & 0530 HRS for December through February hunts; approximately 1.5 hours prior to first shooting light.

E. **Hunters must sign-in by 1900 hours.**

1. This can be done in person or by telephone.
2. **Not signing-in can lead to loss of hunting privileges.**
3. Members of a hunting party may have one group member sign everyone in (& are encouraged to do so), but each individual hunter is ultimately responsible for ensuring you have been signed-in, & should not merely assume you have been.

F. The **first time** a hunter signs-out for a Nov or Dec deer hunt it **must be done in person, & each member of the party must be wearing the required blaze orange clothing**. After a hunter has signed-out the first time in person, you may sign-out & in by telephone at **533-7085**.

G. **Telephone sign-out** will not begin until 0530 for Nov & 0600 for December through February hunts. If telephones are not operational, hunters must sign-out & sign-in, in person.

H. When a line is present during sign-out, **each** hunter must be physically present & standing in the line.

I. Limited Weapons Areas: Legal crossbows & legal archery gear are the only weapons allowed in most of these areas during these hunts (Note: crossbows are **not** legal during Archery-only hunts).

1. Hunters holding a deer Permit-tag can hunt in Archery-only areas during their hunt, & are **not** required to wear blaze orange clothing while in these areas.
2. Some special areas allow use of muzzleloading rifles & shotguns with slugs during general deer hunts. Hunters and other recreational users are required to wear blaze orange clothing in these areas during rifle deer & javelina hunts.

J. Any **harvested big game** must be brought to the check station under the ramada at the Sportsman Center **on the day it is taken**. (See section II.M). Arizona also requires harvest reporting for certain species; see AGFD Hunting Regs for details & telephone numbers.

K. All hunters must comply with II.V above.

IV. HOW DO I SIGN OUT DURING ALL OTHER HUNTING SEASONS?

A. Hunter sign-out for the General Weapons Javelina hunt in February is done through the MP Desk.

B. Mandatory hunter sign-out is conducted by the Military Police Operations Desk (telephone 533-3000 or 2181). MPs CONTROL HUNTER SIGN-OUT, AS A SERVICE TO HUNTERS, TO PROVIDE SAFETY CLEARANCE & TO CONTROL ACCESS INTO HUNTING AREAS, AS PART OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY & SECURITY ON POST. MPs ARE **NOT** RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING OR PROVIDING HUNTING REQUIREMENTS OR INFORMATION. EACH HUNTER IS ACCOUNTABLE FOR KNOWING SEASON DATES, WEAPONS RESTRICTIONS & ALL OTHER HUNTING REGULATIONS ON POST & IN ARIZONA.

1. Have your 6 digit, Post permit number available, & call 533-3000 or 2181.
2. Ask to sign out for hunting, & wait if asked.
3. Provide Post permit no., area(s) desired, & game hunted, as the information is requested.
4. Wait for the MP to check information & clear you.
5. If the MP says there is no Hunter Control Card on file under your Post permit no. & name, you may go to the MP station in person, show your Post hunting permit (or leave them a copy), & sign out for your hunt.

C. Hunter sign-out is mandatory for each hunting trip. Re-signing out is required to change hunting areas.

D. Signing-in from hunting is not normally required during times the MP Desk conducts hunter control; however, checking of big game is still required (See section II.M).

1. The MP Desk **may** request hunters to sign-in at the end of hunting. If so, hunters should follow any such directive.

E. All hunters must comply with II.V above.

F. During small game, archery, predator, & some Hunt Permit-tag requiring hunts, **a hunter may sign out for up to 3 adjacent Game Management Areas**, if requested areas are not full or closed by firing or training.

1. These 3 areas **must be adjacent** to reduce problems the Military Police might have in emergency notifications, or in having to locate a hunter who did not return as scheduled.
2. These 3 areas may include **ONLY 1 Archery-only Area.**

G. Start: Hunter sign-out through the MP Desk begins at 0430.

H. End: Hunters will not be permitted to sign out after 1730.

I. Hunters must be out of the field by 1.5 hours after sunset.

J. Hunters with a javelina General Weapons Permit-tag who choose to hunt in Archery-only areas with bow or crossbow during their hunt are **not** required to wear blaze orange while in these areas.

V. HOW DO I GET BIG GAME TAGS?

A. You may purchase a Nonpermit (or "over the counter") tag for mountain lion, fall bear, & archery deer hunting from any AGFD license dealer, including the Ft Huachuca Sportsman Center. You may purchase an archery deer Nonpermit tag & still apply for a Hunt Permit-tag-requiring deer hunt; however, you can fill only one of these deer tags. The 2004 Archery deer tags are invalid on 1 Jan 2005. You must use a 2005 hunting license number or an application for a 2005 Az hunting license, to apply for javelina or bear Hunt Permit-tags.

B. Big game Hunt Permit-tags (for rifle deer, spring & summer bear, & all javelina hunts) for use on Ft Huachuca **cannot be applied for on-line or by telephone** & must be obtained from AGFD **only by US mail** through regular AGFD procedures. Application procedures & fee schedules are given on pages 6-9 of the "Az Hunting Regulations 2004-2005" (<http://www.azgfd.com> or http://www.gf.state.az.us/pdfs/h_f/fall_hunt_regs.pdf).

C. Applications for deer hunts that require Hunt Permit-tags must reach the Arizona Game & Fish Department by 7:00 PM, 8 June 2004. If you are drawn, the Permit-tag will be mailed by 23 July. See Az Hunt Regulations about tags left after 9 August, available on a 1st-Come, 1st-Serve basis. **Leftover tags for FORT hunts CANNOT be applied for on-line or by telephone, but can be obtained ONLY by US mail to: ATTN ATZS-IS HUNT TAG; US ARMY GARRISON; 3040 BUTLER RD; FORT HUACHUCA AZ 85613-7010.**

D. Archery-only & general weapons javelina hunts & spring & summer bear hunts require Hunt Permit-tags. Applications for javelina & bear hunts must reach AGFD by 7:00 PM on 12 October 2004. If **2005** Az Licenses are not locally available at the time you wish to apply, you must use an application (AZ Form 390) for a 2005 Az Hunting or Combination License with your Permit-tag application. If you are drawn, the license & tag will be mailed by 22 November 2004. See Az Hunt Regulations about tags left after 24 November, available by 1st-Come, 1st-Serve. **Leftover tags for FORT hunts CANNOT be applied for on-line or by telephone, but can be obtained ONLY by US mail to: ATTN ATZS-IS HUNT TAG; US ARMY GARRISON; 3040 BUTLER RD; FORT HUACHUCA AZ 85613-7010.**

E. A Hunt Permit-tag will be mailed directly to each successful applicant. Hunters must sign-out in person at the Sportsman Center the first time they choose to hunt. (See III.X).

F. Open hunting dates, & hunt numbers for those hunts on Post that require being drawn for an AGFD Hunt Permit-tag:

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DEER

Archery-only: Two bowhunting periods are open on post. The first period is Aug 27-Sept 23, 2004. The second is Jan 1-31, 2005. Legal game for both seasons is any antlered deer. **There is no December Archery-only hunt open on Ft Huachuca.** You **must** possess a Permit-tag for Hunt No. 1296 or 1299 to hunt deer on Post in December.

<u>Hunting Dates</u>	<u>Hunt No.</u>	<u>Comments (open area, legal weapons, legal game, # of permits) & Requirements *</u>
General Weapons:		
Nov 5-16, 2004	1300	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A CHAMP Hunt**, 10 *** Designated whitetail or mule deer Permit-tags.
Nov 5-16, 2004	1297	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A, 10 Antlered mule deer Hunt Permit-tags.
Nov 5-16, 2004	1298	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A, 85 Antlered white-tailed deer Hunt Permit-tags.
Dec 17-30, 2004	1299	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A, 120 Antlered white-tailed deer Hunt Permit-tags.

Muzzleloader:

Dec 17-30, 2004	1296	Ft Huachuca in Unit 35A, 10 Antlered deer Hunt Permit-tags.
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* **NOTE 1:** If you receive ANY ARIZONA DEER HUNT PERMIT-TAG in the Drawing, you MAY NOT APPLY for a deer Hunt Permit-tag during the 1st-Come, 1st-Serve application period. If you were an unsuccessful applicant, or missed the Drawing for deer hunts, you MAY apply for any remaining deer permits during the 1st-Come, 1st-Serve period BEGINNING 9 August 2004, **by US Postal mail only for Ft Huachuca leftover tags** (See section V. C.)

** **NOTE 2:** CHAMP hunters must arrange & complete a hunting area orientation with a local hunter-cooperator prior to actually signing out to hunt. (See section I. D.)

*** **NOTE 3:** Limited harvest of antlerless deer will be allowed, only in specific hunt areas.

<u>Hunting Dates</u>	<u>Hunt No.</u>	<u>Comments (open area, legal weapons, legal game, # of permits) & Requirements</u>
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BLACK BEAR**General Weapons:****Fall Bear:**Oct 21-Dec 31,
2004

none

Non-permit tag required. Any bear except sows with cubs. Female harvest objective =2. Post permit required. Bear hunting will be closed Nov 5-16 & Dec 17-30, unless a population management need exists.

Spring Bear:Mar 18-Apr 26,
2005

8899

Proposed but NOT finalized; see August revision

Ft Huachuca in unit 35A, **General Weapons**, 2 Permit-tags for any bear except sow with cubs. Female harvest objective =1. Post permit required.

Archery-only:*Proposed but NOT finalized; see August revision*Apr 27-Aug 28,
2005

8898

Ft Huachuca in unit 35A, **Archery-only**, 2 Permit-tags for any bear except sow with cubs. Female harvest objective =2. Post permit required.

JAVELINA**Archery-only:***Proposed but NOT finalized; see August revision*Jan 1-31,
2005

5598

Ft. Huachuca in unit 35A. **Archery-only**, 18 Hunt Permit-tags for Any Javelina. Post permit required.

General weapons:*Proposed but NOT finalized; see August revision*Feb 11-17,
2005

5599

Ft Huachuca in unit 35A. **General Weapons**, 18 Hunt Permit-tags for Any Javelina. Post permit required.

TURKEY

No seasons are open on Post in 2004 or 2005

G. OTHER POST HUNTS: All other hunting seasons held on Ft Huachuca will run concurrently with hunting seasons open in Unit 35A. These hunting seasons are exactly as listed in the current "Arizona Hunting Regulations for 2004-2005." See p.2 of these regs for changes in Mearns quail bag limit & requirement of archery deer harvest reporting.